6) Promote critical thinking and analytical skills by developing self-learning skills of the learner leading to student-centric learning.

7) To promote the use of ICT tools in distance education including the employment of the audio-visual medium and satellite-based devices.

Review of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

*355. DR.AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately reviewed the progress so far made in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, how far the school-drop out rate of students (i) boys and (ii) girls, has declined as a result of the mission mode adopted towards universalisation of elementary education; and

(c) the reasons for default in smooth working of the mission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was reviewed in the Governing Council of the National Mission for the SSA held on 21.2.2005 and also by the Joint Review Mission, which visited 8 States in January-February 2005.

(b) The dropout rate at primary level has reduced from 2001-02 to 2002-03 by 2.5 per cent points in respect of boys and 6.16 percent points in respect of girls.

(c) Question does not arise.

Diversion of Satellite signals

*356. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring in a law to check blocking or diversion of satellite signals before they are beamed by the TV channels to stop piracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had received applications for launching DTH operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such law under consideration of the Government. However, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is presently engaged in discussing a draft treaty on protection of rights of broadcasting organizations which, *inter alia,* includes prevention of signal piracy.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. So far, five companies have applied for grant of DTH license. One of these has been granted a license. The other applications are under consideration.

Swift judicial redressal

*357. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to implement swift judicial redressal;

(b) if so, whether Government have estimated cost of Rs. 2514 crores to implement the proposals;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) whether a special cell would be set up to monitor progress of the reforms;

(e) whether Government are considering to have low cost redressal of grievances for the common and fast track clearances for high-value litigations;

(f) if so, whether any concrete judicial reforms have been considered; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?